

NOAH'S ARK NURSERY GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1022584

Details

Other names	BURES PLAYGROUP, BURES PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1993-06-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING THEIR PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY GROUPS

Activities: Noah's Ark Nursery Group has been at the heart of Bures village life since 1971, providing quality affordable care and education for local pre-school children. We offer a safe and stimulating environment with a focus on play-centered activities in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE BURES
- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£162,358	£160,602	-	-
2024-07-31	£167,092	£140,811	-	-
2023-07-31	£161,940	£128,852	-	-
2022-07-31	£113,142	£120,427	-	-
2021-07-31	£116,152	£110,324	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Claire Ashworth	Chair	2019-02-07
Christine Tulley		2023-03-01
Georgia Timmis		2023-03-01
Kate Verhaag		2022-10-07
Sophy Moynagh		2022-10-11

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TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

13 MONTHS ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

NOAH'S ARK NURSERY GROUP

Legal and administrative information

Trustees:

Chair: Claire Ashworth

Treasurer: Kate Verhaag

Sophy Moynagh

Fleur Robinson - retired 26 March 2025

Georgia Timmis

Christine Tulley

Registered Address:

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NOAH'S ARK NURSERY GROUP

Report of the Trustees for the 13 month period ended 31 August 2025

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Nursery for the 13 month period ended 31 August 2025.

The Trustees approved the change of accounting period end from 31 July to 31 August in 2025 to align the reporting period to reflect the normal school terms. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011 based on an income and expenses report.

Objectives

The mission statement of Noah's Ark Nursery is 'To provide a high-quality playgroup that is affordable and accessible to all'. It has been at the heart of Bures village life since January 1971 and is led by a Voluntary Committee. They aim to prepare children for future learning by supporting them in building a firm foundation through productive play-based activities.

Structure, Governance and Management

Noah's Ark Nursery Group is run by a voluntary committee of between 5-12 people and operates under the Pre-School Learning Alliance 2011 Constitution.

The Trustees meet 2-4 times a year with a bookkeeper responsible for dealing with monthly reports and payroll matters, including tax, national insurance and all auto enrolment pensions contribution records and payments.

The manager, Leanne, assisted by her deputy manager, Chloe, deals with liaising with prospective parents, managing income and all staff matters.

The Nursery operates in Bures Village hall, during Suffolk school term time and provides a daytime early years nursery, as well as an after school club for children from the local primary school.

Achievements and Performance

After the success of the summer Holiday Club in 2023 and 2024 it was repeated for 6 days in the summer of 2025, together with 3 days at Easter.

The new Baby room has been set up during 2025, with a grant from Suffolk County Council claimed and received to cover some of the new equipment purchases.

With expansion of the team to cover the extra baby room more training will be undertaken as required.

Community

The team at Noah's Ark have carried out more brilliant fundraising this year, to include Messy play and raffles.

Through these events and donations, including grants from the Bures Music Festival, they have managed to raise £2,261.

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Report of the Trustees for the 13 month period ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

Financial review

The incoming fees, donations and interest amounted to £162,358 (2024:12 months £167,092), nursery running expenses amounted to £160,602 (2024:12 months £140,811) with a surplus incoming of £1,756 (2024:12 months surplus £26,281). These figures include interest received on bank balances of £272 (2024:12 months £326). The balance on accumulated cash funds at the period end amounted to £111,257 (2024: 31 July £109,501).

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Nursery is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Nursery, and are satisfied that there are systems in place to mitigate exposure to those risks.

Reserves policy

The unrestricted funds represent the cash funds arising from past charitable activities running the Nursery, and reflect careful planning and budgeting, so the position is considered now to be healthy. The Trustees need to make sensible provision for expected running costs in the future academic year and will monitor Suffolk County Council Early Years Funding and incoming fees closely. The annual running costs have been running at approximately £12,000 per month, so the current position funds equates to around twelve months costs. Current staffing costs are the majority of expenditure and management concentrates on the payroll and following all employment legislation including training and pension contributions. Considering the payroll the Trustees are happy with the level of current reserves.

Within their planning the Trustees are aware of their responsibilities and have acted in reference to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Committee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 11 November 2025 and signed on their behalf:

Claire Ashworth - Chair

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

NOAH'S ARK NURSERY GROUP

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Noah's Ark Nursery Group for the 13 month period ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act: or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

L C Tippett ACA

Chartered Accountant

121 Colchester Road
West Bergholt
Colchester
CO6 3JX
11 November 2025

NOAH'S ARK NURSERY GROUP
RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
for the 13 MONTH PERIOD ENDED 31st August 2025

	13 Month 2025		12 Month 2024	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Nursery and registration Fees	48,782		53,434	
SCC Early years funding	104,568		108,186	
Holiday Club	4,475		3,505	
SCC Baby room funding	2,000		-	
Fundraising and donations	2,261		1,641	
Interest received	272		326	
Total receipts		162,358		167,092
Payments				
Rent	16,110		13,410	
Wages and staff cover	126,660		113,618	
Training courses and travelling expenses	869		1,115	
Insurance, PLA membership and inspections	3,001		1,323	
Outings and entertainment	913		956	
Toys and equipment	1,626		2,708	
Craft	457		783	
Clothing	472		175	
Milk and refreshments	1,935		1,724	
Repairs and renewals	-		621	
Cleaning and first aid	452		411	
Telephone	358		324	
Office expenses	688		1,143	
Tapestry and Nursery in a box	2,324		1,793	
Bookkeeping and accountancy	250		250	
Advertising and publications	-		76	
Fundraising expenses	65		260	
Holiday Club	327		121	
Baby room	4,095		-	
Total Payments		160,602		140,811
Net receipts / (payments)		1,756		26,281
Bank and cash balances brought forward		109,501		83,220
Bank and cash balances carried forward		111,257		109,501

NOAH'S ARK NURSERY GROUP
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31st August 2025

	31 August 2025		31 July 2024	
	£	£	£	£
Bank balances				
Bank current account	84,394		82,930	
Bank deposit account	26,818		26,546	
Petty cash	45		25	
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Total reserves		<u>111,257</u>		<u>109,501</u>

for and on behalf of the Committee:

Claire Ashworth - Chair

Kate Verhaag - Treasurer

Date 11 November 2025

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YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

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Treasurer:	Kate Verhaag
Secretary:	Laura Richardson - to 7 March 2025
	Sophy Moynagh
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After the success of the Holiday Club in 2023, it was brought back for 6 days in the summer of 2024. The Holiday Club will run again in the summer of 2025 along with 3 days in the Easter school holiday.

Community

The team at Noah's Ark have carried out some brilliant fundraising again this year, from Halloween messy play to raffles and running an Arts & Crafts stall at the Bures Music Festival. Through this and donations they have managed to raise £1,641.

Achievements and Performance

The team at Noah's Ark have worked incredibly hard this last year through fundraising, training and continuing the Holiday Club provision.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 July 2024 (continued)

Financial review

The incoming fees, donations and interest amounted to £167,092 (2023: £161,940), nursery running expenses amounted to £140,811 (2023: £128,852) with a surplus incoming of £26,281 (2023: surplus £33,088).

These figures include interest received on bank balances of £326 (2023: £114).

The balance on accumulated funds at the year end amounted to £109,501 (2023: £83,220).

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Nursery is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Nursery, and are satisfied that there are systems in place to mitigate exposure to those risks.

Reserves policy

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Consideration of the general reserves are held to cover necessary Nursery running costs, which, for the last two years, have been running in excess of £120,500 per annum. Happily, the funds have been rebuilt since the excess of expenses over income in 2021. There has been sensible provision for the expected running costs in the future, so funds are considered healthy. However, the team cannot be complacent and need to continue to monitor the position closely.

The management of the Nursery requires close planning to ensure that the fees charged together with Early Years Funding adequately covers the staffing costs whilst bearing in mind all payroll legislation on employment costs.

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26 March 2025

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RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
for the YEAR ENDED 31st July 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Fees	53,434		65,922	
EYDP grants	108,186		90,924	
Holiday Club	3,505		-	
Fundraising and donations	1,641		4,980	
Interest received	326		114	
Total receipts		167,092		161,940
Payments				
Rent	13,410		15,346	
Wages and staff cover	113,618		101,259	
Training courses and travelling expenses	1,115		823	
Insurance, PLA membership and inspections	1,323		1,003	
Outings and entertainment	956		572	
Toys and equipment	2,708		2,598	
Craft	783		494	
Clothing	175		306	
Milk and refreshments	1,724		2,095	
Repairs and renewals	621		14	
Cleaning and first aid	411		445	
Telephone	324		337	
Office expenses	1,143		676	
Tapestry and Nursery in a box	1,793		1,878	
Bookkeeping and accountancy	250		-	
Advertising and publications	76		359	
Fundraising expenses	260		647	
Holiday Club	121		-	
Total Payments		140,811		128,852
Net receipts / (payments)		26,281		33,088
Bank and cash balances brought forward		83,220		50,132
Bank and cash balances carried forward		109,501		83,220

NOAH'S ARK NURSERY GROUP
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31st July 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Bank balances				
Bank current account	82,930		56,977	
Bank deposit account	26,546		26,220	
Petty cash	25		23	
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Total reserves		<u>109,501</u>		<u>83,220</u>

for and on behalf of the Committee:

Claire Wilson - Chair

Kate Verhaag - Treasurer

Date 26 March 2025

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The Nursery operates in Bures Village hall, during Suffolk school term time and provides a daytime early years nursery, as well as an after school club for children from the local primary school.

In Summer 2023 a summer holiday club was trialled over 2 weeks of the holidays to review uptake and viability. It was a success and is being brought back in the same format in 2024.

Community

The team at Noah's Ark have carried out some brilliant fundraising this year, from 'Bear Hunts' to messy play and the tuck shop. Through this and donations they have managed to raise £4,980.

Achievements and Performance

The team at Noah's Ark have worked incredibly hard this last year - through fundraising, training and trialling the new summer holiday club.

NOAH'S ARK NURSERY GROUP

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 July 2023 (continued)

Financial review

The net incoming fees and donations amounted to £161,940 (2022: £113,142), nursery running expenses amounted to £128,852 (2022: £120,427) with a surplus incoming of £33,088 (2022: deficit £7,285).

This includes interest on bank balances of £114 (2022: £3).

The balance on accumulated funds at the year end amounted to £83,220 (2022: £50,132).

Risk management

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Reserves policy

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Approved by the Trustees on 24 May 2024 and signed on their behalf:

Claire Ashworth - Chair

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24 May 2024

NOAH'S ARK NURSERY GROUP
RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
for the YEAR ENDED 31st July 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Fees	65,922		51,408	
EYDP grants	90,924		60,228	
Coronavirus support	-		128	
Fundraising and donations	4,980		1,375	
Interest received	114		3	
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Total receipts		161,940		113,142
Payments				
Rent	15,346		12,244	
Wages and staff cover	101,259		100,485	
Training courses and travelling expenses	823		172	
Insurance, PLA membership and inspections	1,003		1,078	
Outings and entertainment	572		500	
Toys and equipment	2,598		520	
Craft	494		241	
Clothing	306		336	
Milk and refreshments	2,095		905	
Repairs and renewals	14		98	
Cleaning and first aid	445		300	
Telephone	337		246	
Office expenses	676		903	
Tapestry and Nursery in a box	1,878		1,417	
Bookkeeping and accountancy	-		45	
Advertising and publications	359		592	
Fundraising expenses	647		345	
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Total Payments		128,852		120,427
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Net receipts / (payments)		33,088		(7,285)
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Bank and cash balances brought forward		50,132		57,417
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Bank and cash balances carried forward		<u>83,220</u>		<u>50,132</u>

NOAH'S ARK NURSERY GROUP
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31st July 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Bank balances				
Bank current account	56,977		23,955	
Bank deposit account	26,220		26,106	
Petty cash	23		71	
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Total reserves		<u>83,220</u>		<u>50,132</u>

for and on behalf of the Committee:

Claire Ashworth - Chair

Kate Verhaag - Treasurer

Date 24 May 2024

Date 24 May 2024

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Manager's report 2021/2022

We started this term with fairly low numbers, having lost children at the end of the summer term to school, and the term begun with fewer children attending, and staff hours being reduced.

Throughout the following terms we consequently had more children join us and numbers began to increase towards the end of the summer term, and staffing levels also increased in line with this.

We have welcomed families from the village and surrounding villages, these new families consisting of many 2 years old children which is fantastic start to the new academic year 2022/2023

Our present team of staff consists of Jan McShane, manager, Rebecca Brenchley, Deputy manager and SENDCo, Nadia Andow-Perry, Early years practitioner, Leanne Jones, early years practitioner, Chloe Holmes, early years practitioner, Jeanette Weavers, early years practitioner Elaine White, nursery assistant Michaela Andrewartha, nursery assistant, Eleanor wiseman, administrator.

We also welcomed a student from the Colchester institution who was studying her level 2 in childcare and education.

The Team continued to work together unfortunately at times we had moments of conflict within the team and the committee had to step in and intervene.

This year saw a lot of changes within the staff arrangements, Rebecca left her role of deputy manager to work elsewhere in the April.

Jeanette Weaver was signed onto long term sick leave and unfortunately was unable to return and work at Noah's Ark due to ongoing health issues, leaving early in the summer term.

We also lost a value member of the team when Eleanor left her role as administrator role in May and team gained a better insight into all the hard work she provided.

Jan also retired at the end of the summer term after many years of excellent service as the role of manager and was recognised for all the outstanding work she had put into making Noah's Ark what it is today.

We have been fortunate to gain two new members of staff Molly Breeds, level 3 early years practitioner and Zoe Ivatt who took over the administration role.

we are very lucky to have these two members of staff here at Noah's.

We continued to provide activities that were challenging, interesting and were in line with the Early Years framework, we planned around topic each week and also took part in celebration such as Chinese New Year, Remembrance Day and Diwali.

Leanne organised our facebook page and took over our social media platform.

Leanne also took on a more senior role within the team and begun shadowing Jan and Rebecca in preparation for consideration of the role of manager when Jan was to leave in the summer term.

The management team decided a stronger front was needed and worked together to provide this for staff and introduced frequent management meetings and a more direct communication style.

After members of the team had moved on and the team begun to settle into a new routine.

Leanne took on Eleanor's role with the exception of payroll and financial and also continued to model Jan and took on more responsibilities within Noahs.

Nadia volunteered to become our SENCo lead and begun training towards the end of the summer term.

Noah's continue to fundraiser as much as possible and took part in the Bures Music Festival providing breakfast baps in order to raise money for Noah's we also organised Christmas hampers and Easter competitions. The money raised will go towards providing provisions for the nursery.

Staff and committee members worked closely together ensuring the quality of Noah's continued. We are grateful for the hard work and dedication that the committee members provide and all of the hard work behind the scene.

With a new team in place I feel that Noah's will go from strength to strength and I am grateful for the team and all of their support.

Leanne Jones

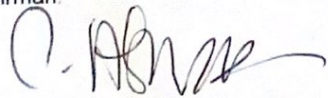
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Receipts		
Fees	51,408	30,101
EYDP Grants	60,228	80,825
Coronavirus Support	128	5,000
Fundraising and Donations	1,375	223
Interest Received	3	3
Total Receipts	113,142	116,152
Payments		
Rent	12,244	12,652
Wages and Staff Cover	100,485	87,499
Payroll Administration	-	-
Training Courses and Travelling Expenses	172	1,260
Insurance, PLA Membership and Inspections	1,078	242
Outings and Entertainment	500	308
Toys, Equipment, Craft and Motivation	520	2,297
Craft	241	671
Clothing	336	554
Milk	-	-
Refreshments	905	988
Repairs and Renewals	98	376
Cleaning and First Aid	300	881
Telephone	246	260
Office Expenses	903	450
Tapestry and Nursery in a Box	1,417	1,344
Bookkeeping and Accountancy	45	45
Advertising, Publications	592	497
Fundraising Expenses	345	-
Total Payments	120,427	110,324
Net Receipts (Payments)	(7,285)	5,828
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Bank and Cash Balances at 31st July 2022	50,132	57,417

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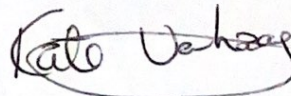
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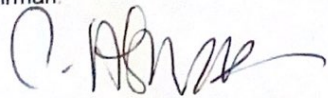
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Petty Cash	71	-
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Debtors		
Fees	1,466	1,565
Grants and Fundraising	-	-
	<u>1,466</u>	<u>1,565</u>
Liabilities		
Wages	8,243	10,250
Hall Rent	1,062	-
Grant in Credit	130	207
Fees in Credit	113	238
Other	-	80
	<u>9,548</u>	<u>10,775</u>
Provisions		
Redundancies	<u>13,526</u>	<u>-</u>
NON MONETARY ASSETS		
Furniture, Play Equipment, Toys &c		
As per Inventory (total cost not known)		
Brought Forward		
Costs in Year		
Garden Extension	-	16,654
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Toys, Equipment &c Includes		
Tables	-	780
Television and Screens	-	388
Chairs	-	-
Refrigerator	-	-
Vacuum	-	-

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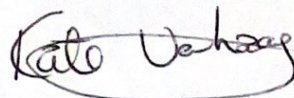
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NOAH'S ARK NURSERY GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1022584

Accounts

Trustee Report for Noah's Ark Nursery 2020 - 2021

Our attendance numbers for the first half this year were at about 50% of the usual rate. This is entirely due to the impacts of Covid-19. Many parents were either working from home or needed to be at home to home school their older children, some families are dealing with financial uncertainty due to being furloughed for an unknown time period, and some families made the decision to keep their children at home due to their own concerns regarding the potential risks of Covid-19 entering the nursery.

From the March 2021 primary and secondary schools reopened which did lead to an increase in attendance numbers and by July numbers were much more buoyant. We were unable to hold our usual open days or visit local toddler groups to attract more children into the setting due to the Covid-19 restrictions and therefore had to resort to other forms of advertising such as via Facebook. With a large percentage of children leaving the setting to being the next step of their journeys at primary school it was crucial to attract new starters. The need to attract more nursery age children was compounded by the fact that the after school club had a far lower intake than usual as many parents were working from home and/or home schooling their primary age children.

Unfortunately our biggest fundraiser of the year - Bures Music Festival was cancelled again and we have not had opportunity to safely fundraise for the duration of this year.

2021 should have been a year for Noah's to celebrate 50 years of operation, but sadly we were unable to see our plans through due to concerns with Covid-19 security and safety. It is hoped that this can be revisited at a later date to mark the occasion formally with all of the staff, children and local supporters.

Despite the restrictions of Covid-19 the financial position of Noah's remained in a stable position thanks to government grants, the furlough scheme and increased numbers of children for the latter half of this year.

It must be recognised that the team at Noah's have worked incredibly hard over this last year, under unprecedented circumstances and during one of the most difficult years faced by Noah's to date. The many additional requirements for cleaning, sanitising, procedure, and general day to day changes under Covid-19 were strictly observed by all and implemented without fail in order to protect both staff and children during the pandemic.

NOAH'S ARK NURSERY GROUP

**Receipts and Payments Account
and Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

**for the Year ended
31st July 2021**

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Committee of Noah's Ark Nursery Group

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31st July 2021, which are set out on pages 1 and 2.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the Charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

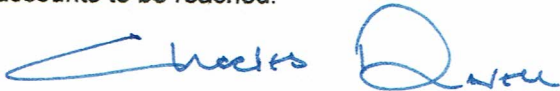
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Independent Examiner's statement

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date 17th February 2022

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Fundraising and Donations	223	250
Interest Received	3	14
Total Receipts	<u>116,152</u>	<u>112,194</u>
Payments		
Rent	12,652	11,986
Wages and Staff Cover	87,499	69,880
Payroll Administration	-	-
Training Courses and Travelling Expenses	1,260	931
Insurance, PLA Membership and Inspections	242	897
Outings and Entertainment	308	245
Toys, Equipment, Craft and Motivation	2,297	4,427
Craft	671	16,654
Clothing	554	-
Milk	-	-
Refreshments	988	1,263
Repairs and Renewals	376	335
Cleaning and First Aid	881	734
Telephone	260	248
Office Expenses	450	204
Tapestry and Nursery in a Box	1,344	-
Bookkeeping and Accountancy	45	45
Advertising, Publications	497	319
Fundraising Expenses	-	-
Total Payments	<u>110,324</u>	<u>108,168</u>
Net Receipts (Payments)	<u>5,828</u>	<u>4,026</u>
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Grants and Fundraising	-	61
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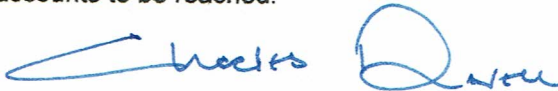
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